

# Syracuse University

Remarks by Chancellor Kent Syverud  
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Remarks: University Scholars Reception

*Chancellor Syverud was introduced by Linda Cushman, Associate Professor of Marketing in the Whitman School of Management*

Thank you, Linda. My wife, Dr. Ruth Chen, and I are pleased to welcome you to the Chancellor's House as we honor 12 of our finest students.

I first want to thank the Syracuse University faculty and staff who have made this year's University Scholars award, and this luncheon celebration, possible:

- Jolynn Parker, Director, Center for Fellowship and Scholarship Advising;
- Judy O'Rourke, who although retired, has continued to shepherd this program;
- Maggie Byrne, of the Renee Crown University Honors Program;
- A great selection committee, many of whom are present today;
- Our scholar mentors—mentors who come from every part of this University and every discipline and viewpoint, but who all share a deep interest in our students and their futures ;
- Liz Costa and Kelly Moshier; and
- Last but not least Kelly Champa and the University's great catering team.

Can you join me in thanking them?

I would like to extend a special welcome to the members of our University Scholars' families and friends who are with us today for this special occasion. I am so glad you could be here as we recognize your student.

To be selected a University Scholar is the highest undergraduate honor bestowed at Syracuse University. You have been recommended by your professors, schools, and colleges on the basis of your outstanding academic achievement, independent research, and creative work.

Out of more than 3,600 undergraduate students graduating this year... there are just 12 University Scholars selected. That speaks volumes about the amazing character, hard work, commitment to your scholarship, and potential for future success of the students we honor today.

Among you are future architects, scientists, information leaders, policy makers and performers. If you are like your predecessors, you are highly likely to change the world in ways we can't even imagine today.

I know you will go on to accomplish great things—not only because of what you learned here but also because of the qualities and habits of mind that led you to excel during your time here.

I ask two things of you: First, I ask that you remember and thank the people who guided and supported you along the way—your family, friends, mentors, and teachers, some of whom are here today. I know they are very proud of you.

Second: I ask that you stay in touch with the University and your teachers and mentors.

You will be so missed.

Congratulations!

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